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A DIMENSIONAL RIFT TRANSPORTED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, HIS FRIENDS, AND ARCH-ENEMY FROM THEIR WORLD TO STATION SQUARE ON EARTH. A HERO IN HIS OWN WORLD, SUPERFAST SONIC HAS BECOME EARTH'S CHAMPION!

Attack From Area 99!

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PITY POOR SONIC. WITH HIS NEMESIS DOCTOR EGGMAN IN PRISON FOLLOWING THE EGGMOON CAPER, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH WORLD-SAVING TO DO...

I'M
BORED!

SO
YOU'VE
SAID.

REPEATEDLY.





LET'S GO FLY
SOMEWHERE
AND HAVE SOME
FUN, TAILS!

CHUCK AND I ARE
UPGRADING THE
TRANSMOGRIFIER
UNIT TODAY.
WE CAN'T FLY
ANYWHERE
UNTIL IT'S
DONE.



WHERE'S CHRIS?
HE SHOULD BE
HOME FROM
SCHOOL BY
NOW!

HE HAS SOCCER
PRACTICE THIS
AFTERNOON.



THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN!



SECONDS LATER,
SONIC ARRIVES AT
CHRIS'S SCHOOL...

I'M
BORED!



HI,
CHRIS!

CAN I
PLAY?



I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, SONIC--MY SOCCER LEAGUE IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ONLY.



IT WOULD BE *CHEATING* TO HAVE A *SUPERSONIC* HEDGEHOG ON OUR TEAM.



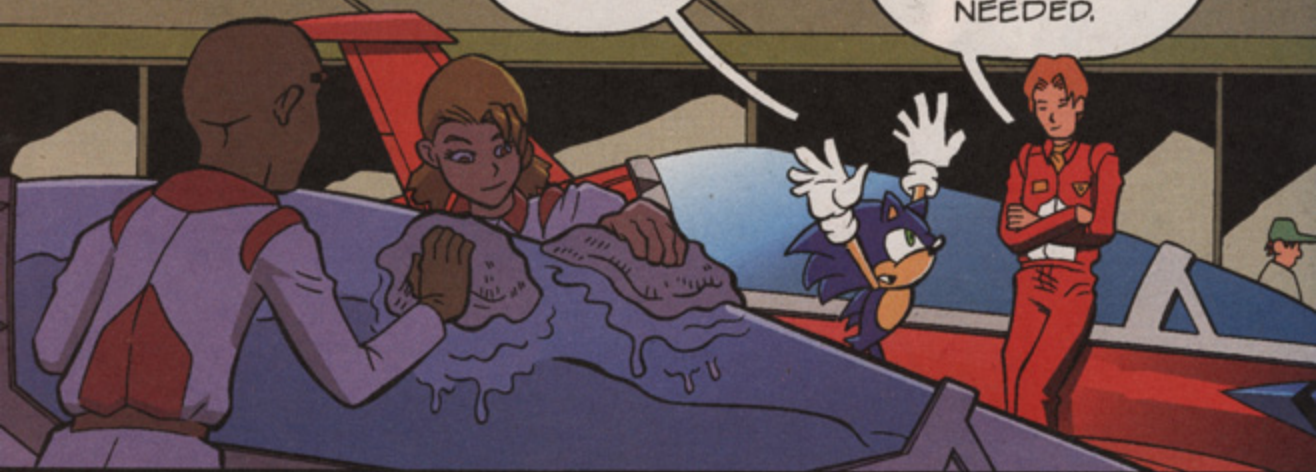
SO WHAT AM I GONNA DO...

...THIS AFTER-NOON?

"MAYBE YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH UNCLE SAM AND THE SPEED TEAM."

I'M BORED. ALL YOU GUYS SEEM TO DO IS SIT AROUND.

THAT'S THE NATURE OF POLICE WORK. WE'RE ONLY CALLED WHEN WE'RE NEEDED.



THAT SOUNDS DULL TO ME.

A LOT OF THE TIME IT IS, BUT WHEN WE HAVE A CASE, IT'S A *THRILL* A MINUTE!

WHEN IS THAT GONNA HAPPEN?

YOU NEVER KNOW, SONIC. YOU NEVER KNOW.



BACK AT
THORNDKE
MANSION...

MILES
PROWER?

ALSO
KNOWN AS
TAILS THE
FOX?

YES.

WE'RE AGENTS
CHEUNG AND
DEVINE OF THE
GUARDIAN
UNITS OF THE
NATIONS.

THE
COUNTRY
NEEDS
YOU.

IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS
IS IN FOR SOME
ACTION, BUT WHAT
ABOUT SONIC?

ATTENTION,
SPEED TEAM!
ILLEGAL STREET
RACERS HAVE
BEEN SEEN...

...ON PELLER
PARKWAY.

YOU ARE TO
INTERCEPT AND
ARREST THE
DRIVERS!

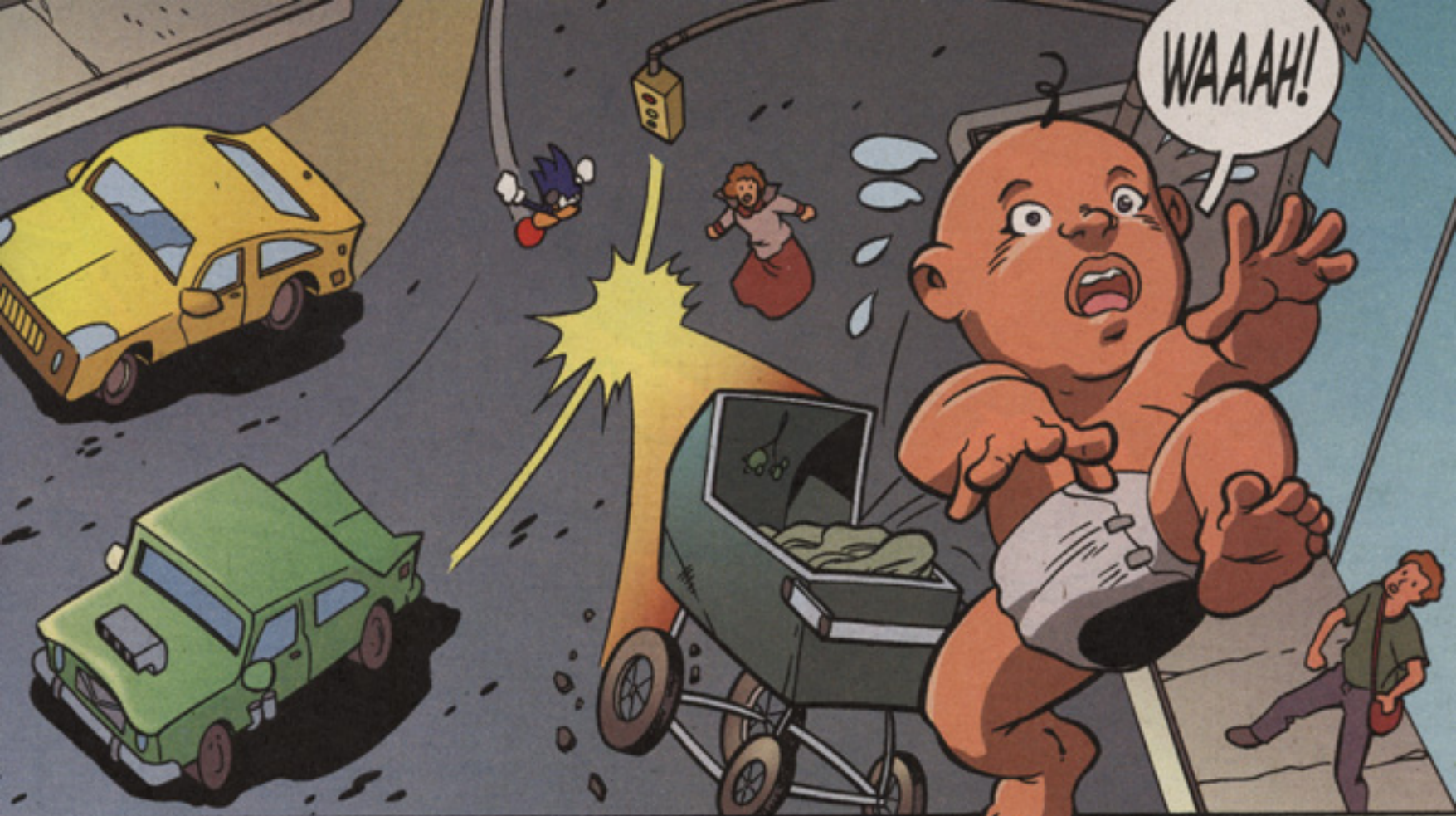
ALL RIGHT,
TEAM! ROLL
OUT!

FINALLY!
SOME
EXCITEMENT!

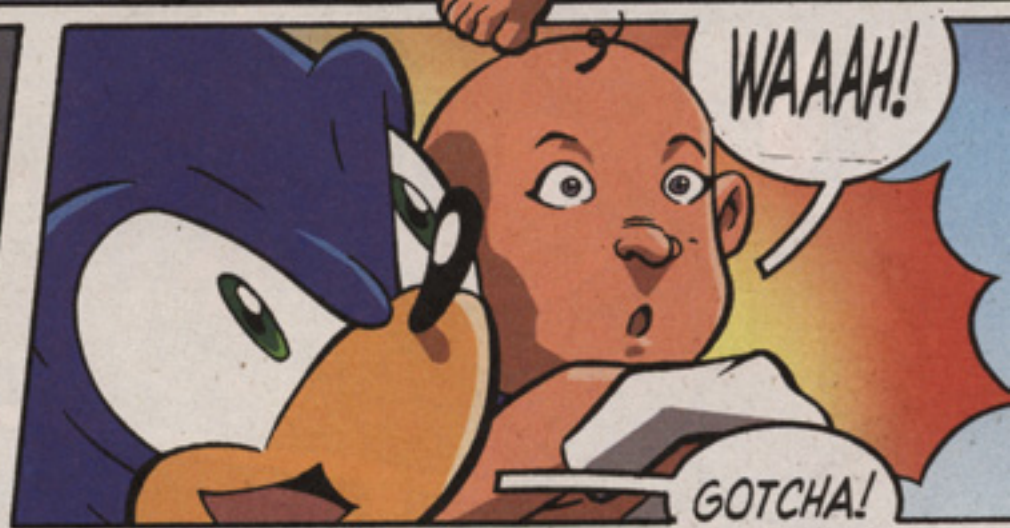
SEVERAL MILES AWAY,
THE SPEED TEAM CATCHES
UP WITH THE ILLEGAL
STREET RACER!

THE STREET RACERS ARE TOO
CAUGHT UP IN THEIR RACE AND
ELUDING THE POLICE TO NOTICE
THE MOTHER AND CHILD
DIRECTLY IN THEIR PATH!





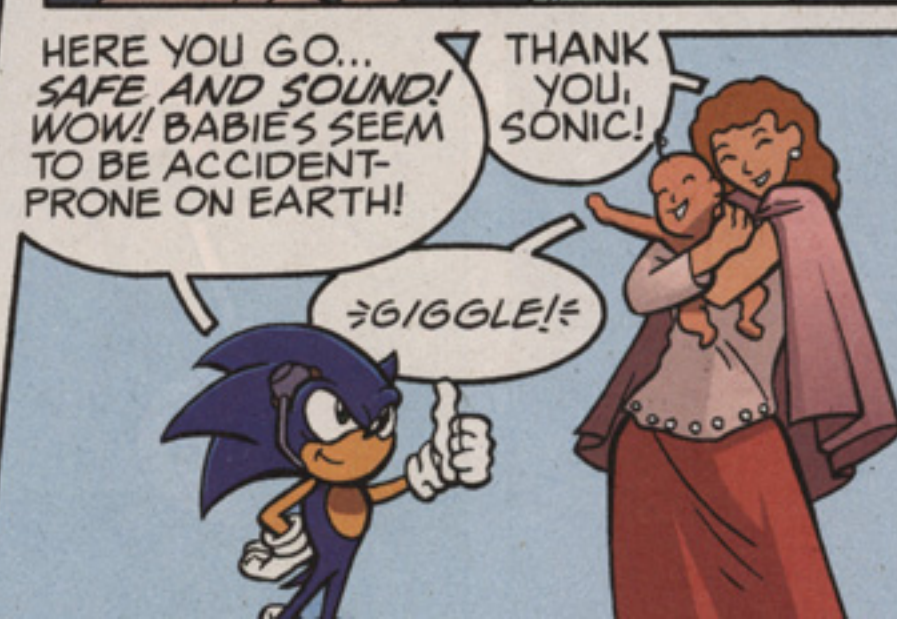
EVEN GRAVITY CAN'T HOLD SONIC BACK WHEN HE'S ON A MISSION!



HERE YOU GO...
SAFE AND SOUND!
WOW! BABIES SEEM
TO BE ACCIDENT-
PRONE ON EARTH!

THANK
YOU,
SONIC!

≡GIGGLE!≡





I'VE GOT
TO GET
GOING!



YOU TAKE
THE YELLOW
CAR. I'LL GET
THE GREEN
ONE!

GOOD
PLAN!



IF SAM SPEED'S RACER
CAN'T OUTPACE SONIC,
THEN THESE STREET
RACERS HAVE NO
CHANCE!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP



WHAT'S
THAT?



I LOVE
TO GO
FAST,
TOO...

...BUT I'D
NEVER
HIT A
BABY!



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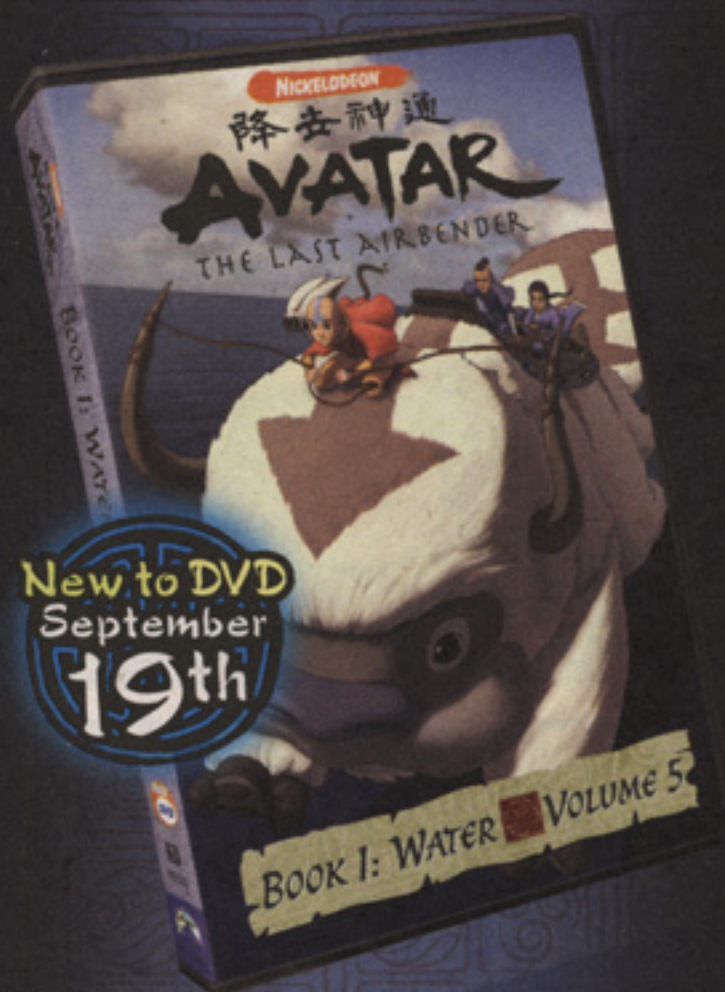
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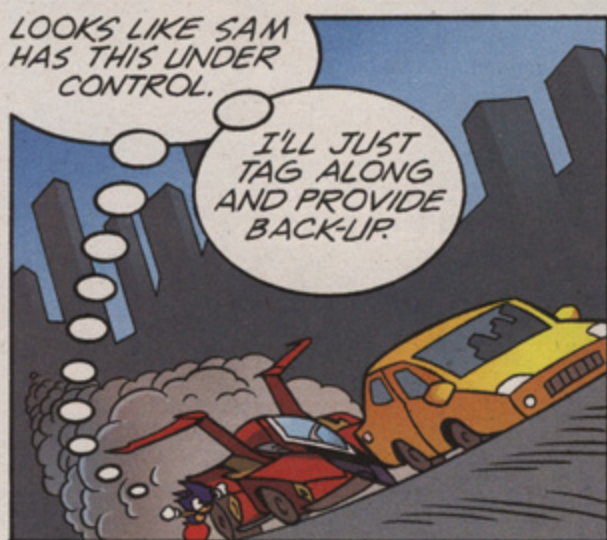
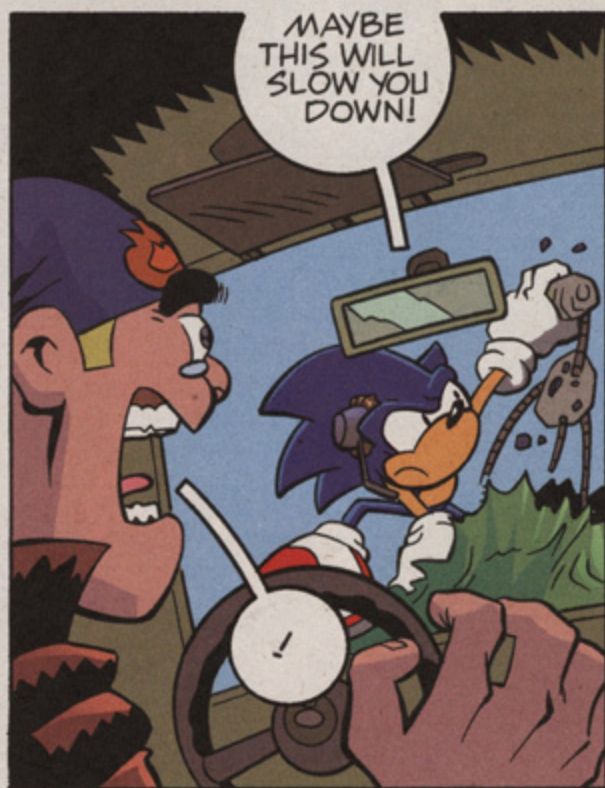
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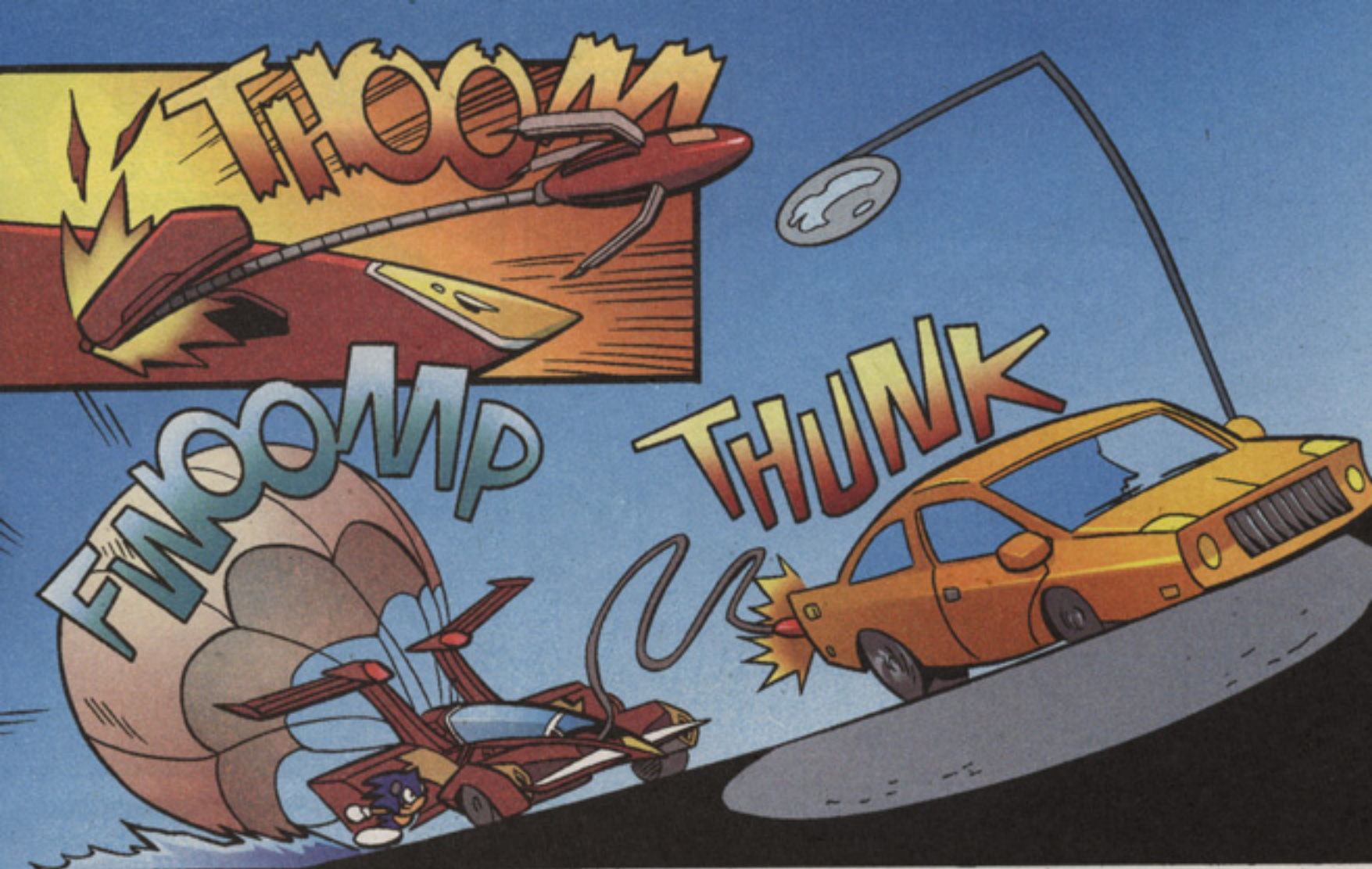
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ELSEWHERE, ANOTHER CRIMINAL
SITS IN A PRISON CELL, PAYING
FOR HIS CRIMES...

DOCTOR
EGGMAN,
WHAT
ARE YOU
READING?

I'M READING MY
GRANDFATHER
GERALD ROBOTNIK'S
JOURNALS, DECOE.*

*DOCTOR EGGMAN GAINED ACCESS
TO ROBOTNIK'S JOURNALS DURING
THE SHADOW SAGA.

I WOULD THINK YOU'D
BE PLOTTING YOUR
REVENGE ON SONIC
FOR SPOILING YOUR
EGGMOON SCHEME.

MY PLOT HAS
ALREADY BEEN SET
IN MOTION,
BOCOE...

"...I'VE ALREADY DISPATCHED BOKKUN TO
ACTIVATE MY LATEST WEAPON AGAINST
THAT CONSERVED HEDGEHOG.

"IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING
I PICKED UP DURING OUR TRIP
TO PARIS--SOMETHING THAT
WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED BY
MY DEAR, DEPARTED GRANDPA."*

*SEE ISSUES 7, 8, AND 9
FOR THE WHOLE STORY.

BUT DON'T
YOU WANT TO
ESCAPE
FROM
HERE?

ALL IN
GOOD TIME,
DECOE.

I STILL HAVE
HUNDREDS OF
APPLIANCES TO
REPAIR.*

*DR. EGGMAN IS GOING TO
USE HIS APPLIANCES
AGAINST SONIC IN ANOTHER
ONE OF HIS CRAZY SCHEMES,
BUT WE'LL BET YOU KNEW
THAT ALREADY.

SO...WHAT HAPPENED TO TAILS? WHERE WAS HE TAKEN? LET'S FIND OUT...

WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?

CAPTAIN WESTWOOD WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

HERE HE IS, CAPTAIN.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, MISTER PROWER.

I WASN'T GIVEN MUCH CHOICE.

MISTER PROWER, YOU ARE *FREE* TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU WILL WANT TO GO ONCE YOU'VE *SEEN* WHAT IS IN *HERE*.

THIS ALIEN CRAFT WAS DISCOVERED BURIED IN THE DESERT.

OUR BEST *SCIENTISTS* AND *ENGINEERS* HAVE GONE OVER EVERY INCH OF THIS SHIP, AND THEY HAVE *NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRING ITS SYSTEMS ON-LINE*. WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO GET *INSIDE* IT.

THAT'S WHY *THE PRESIDENT* REQUESTED *YOUR* HELP. YOUR POINT OF REFERENCE ISN'T FROM THIS PLANET. PERHAPS *YOU* CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET IT FLYING AGAIN.

WOW!



ARE YOU SURE IT WORKS?

I'VE SEEN IT IN ACTION. IT ATTACKED ME WHEN I FOUND IT.*

*ACTUALLY, IT ATTACKED THE CAPTAIN AND SONIC WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED IT IN ISSUE #7

THE SHIP HAS ADVANCED WEAPONRY THAT MAY PROVE USEFUL IF EGGMAN EVER HATCHES ANOTHER ONE OF HIS PLOTS TO CONQUER THE EARTH.



EGGMAN IS IN PRISON.



HOW'D HE DO THAT?

YES, HE IS. BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK ANY PRISON ON EARTH CAN HOLD HIM INDEFINITELY?

GOOD POINT. EVEN THE PRISONS ON MY WORLD COULDN'T KEEP HIM LOCKED UP LONG.

LOOK AT THESE DEVICES. ONCE I HAVE CONTROL OF THIS SHIP'S WEAPONS...



...I'LL BE THE MOST VALUABLE AGENT UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S COMMAND!



I'LL HAVE TOPAZ AND ROUGE DRUMMED OUT OF THE SERVICE AND SHOW UP SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, TOO!

YES --I THINK THIS IS THE ONE.



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IT'S
TAKING
OFF!

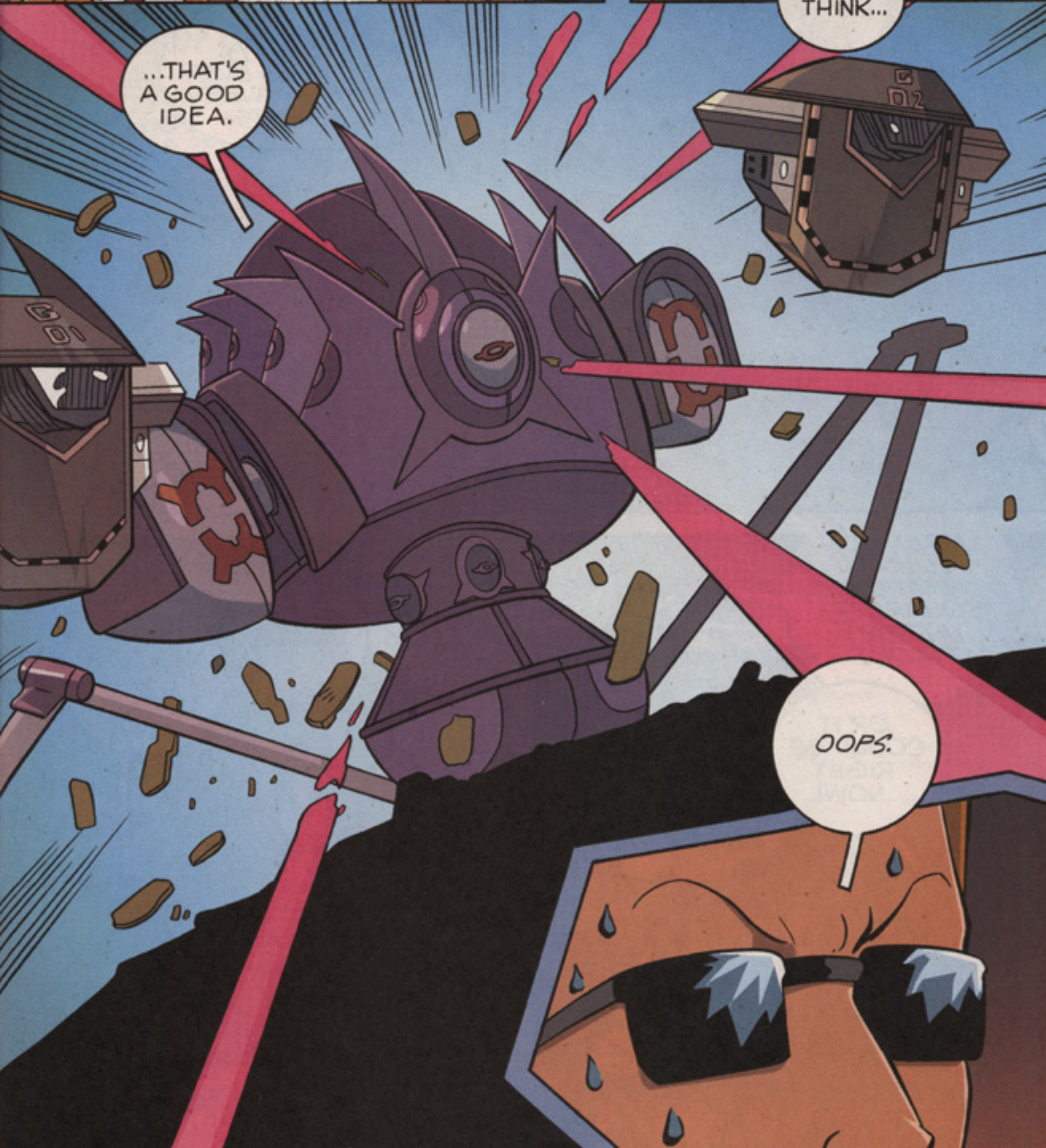
BOOYAH!



THANK YOU,
MR. PROWER.

I'LL
TAKE IT
FROM
HERE!

I DON'T
THINK...



...THAT'S
A GOOD
IDEA.

OOPS.



MEANWHILE, AT THE SPEED TEAM'S GARAGE IN STATION SQUARE

THAT WAS GREAT! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

THE DRIVERS WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT.



YES, BUT WHAT DO WE DO?

WE WAIT UNTIL WE'RE CALLED INTO ACTION AGAIN.

HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?



AS LONG AS IT TAKES.

IT COULD BE HOURS, DAYS, SOMETIMES EVEN A WEEK BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS.



ATTENTION ALL UNITS! STATION SQUARE IS UNDER ATTACK!

OR IT COULD BE RIGHT NOW!

CONDITION ALPHA RED. ALL UNITS TO SCRAMBLE IMMEDIATELY.



THAT'S THE CODE FOR AN EGGMAN ATTACK.

COOL!

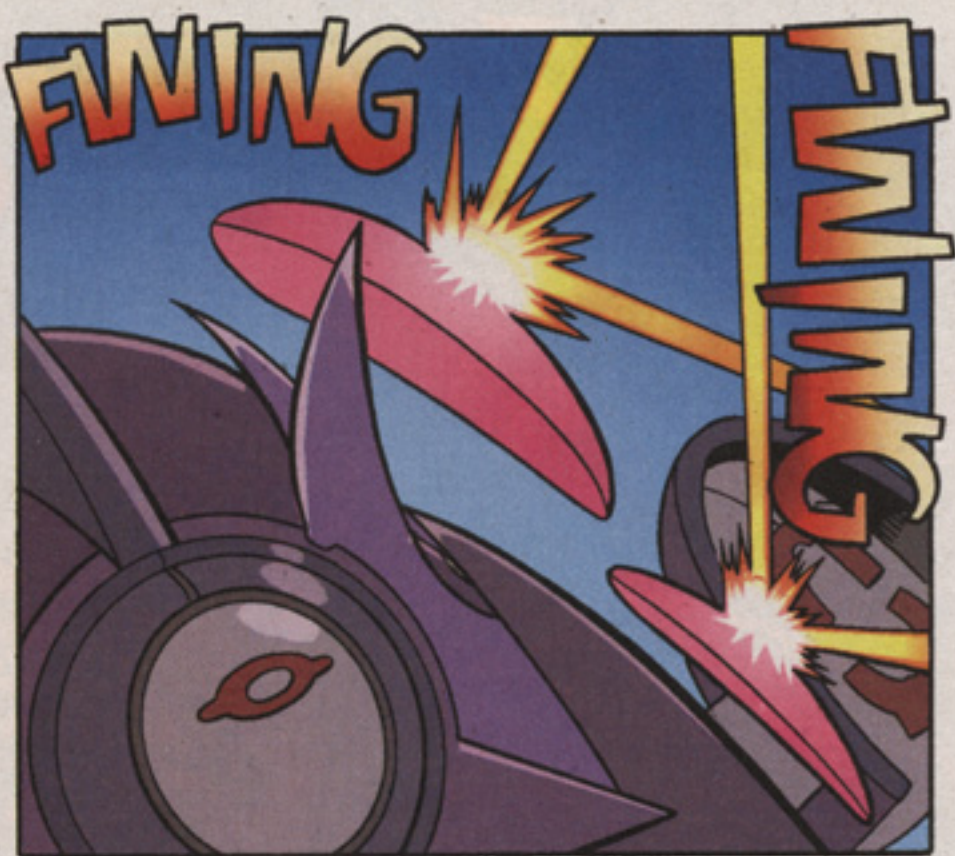
BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS LOCKED UP!



THAT'S
NOT ONE
OF EGGMAN'S
SHIPS,
SAM.

YOU'VE
SEEN IT
BEFORE?

YES.
IT'S ALIEN
IN ORIGIN
AND MORE
POWERFUL THAN
ANYTHING
YOU'VE EVER
FACED!



LASERS JUST BOUNCE
OFF THIS SHIP'S
FORCEFIELD.

WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE
LOCKING IN ON THE
GUARDIAN BEETLE
SHIPS!

CAN YOU
TAKE THE
WEAPONS
SYSTEMS
OFFLINE?

I'M TRYING, BUT
THE SHIP'S WIRING
REPAIRS ITSELF
AS QUICKLY AS I
DISCONNECT IT!



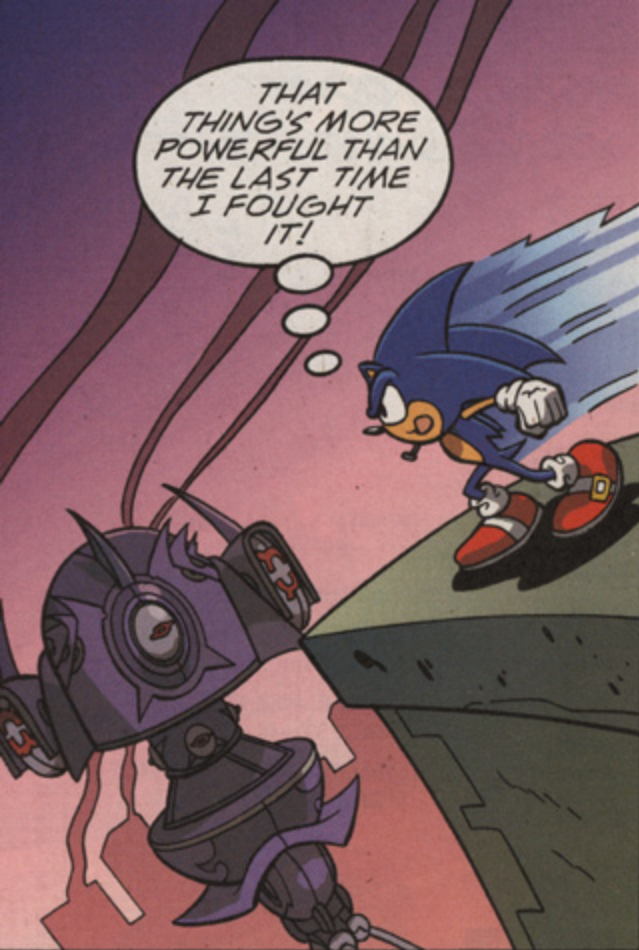
CAN YOU ESTABLISH
RADIO CONTACT WITH
THE OTHER SHIPS?

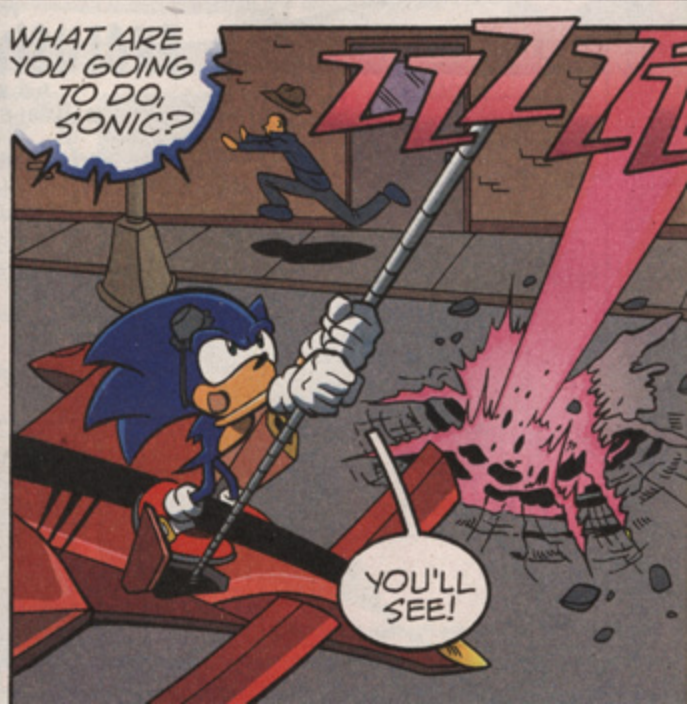
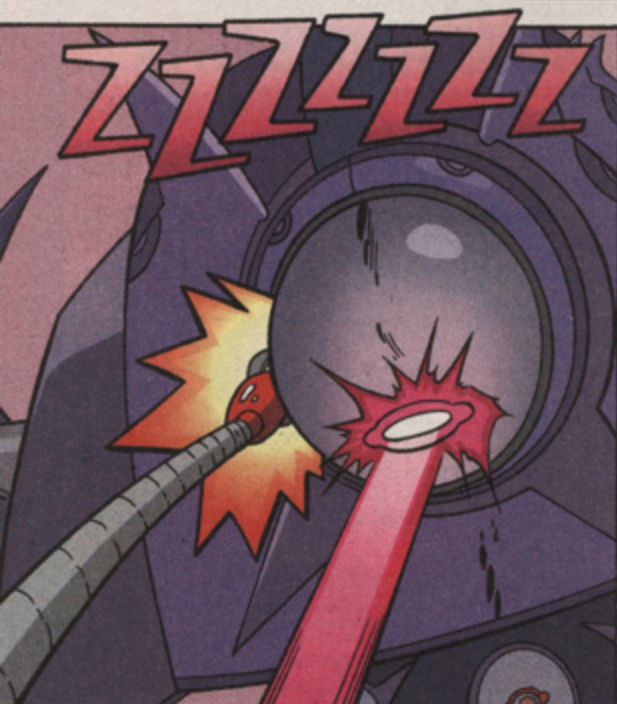
WE'RE TOO
LATE!

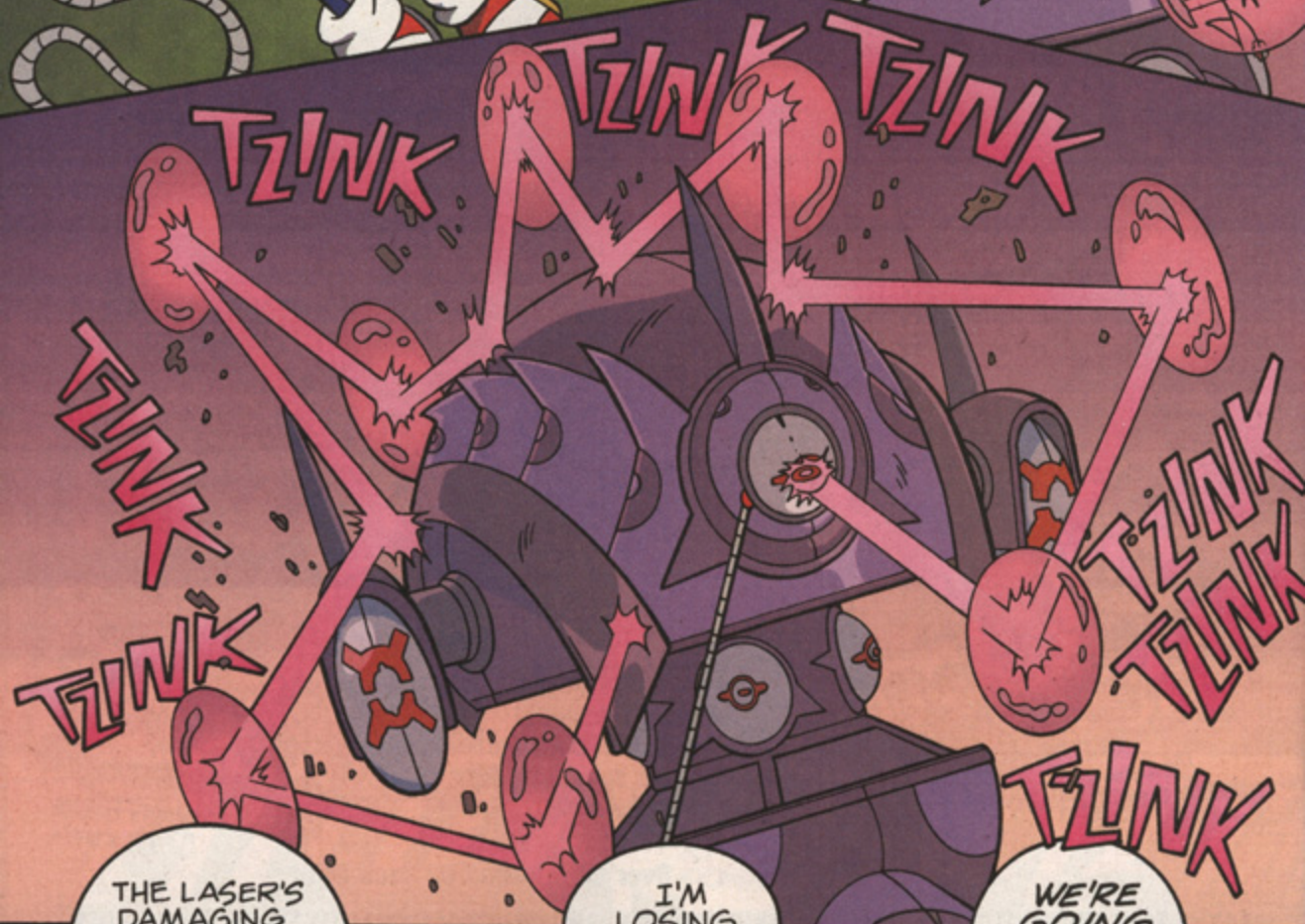
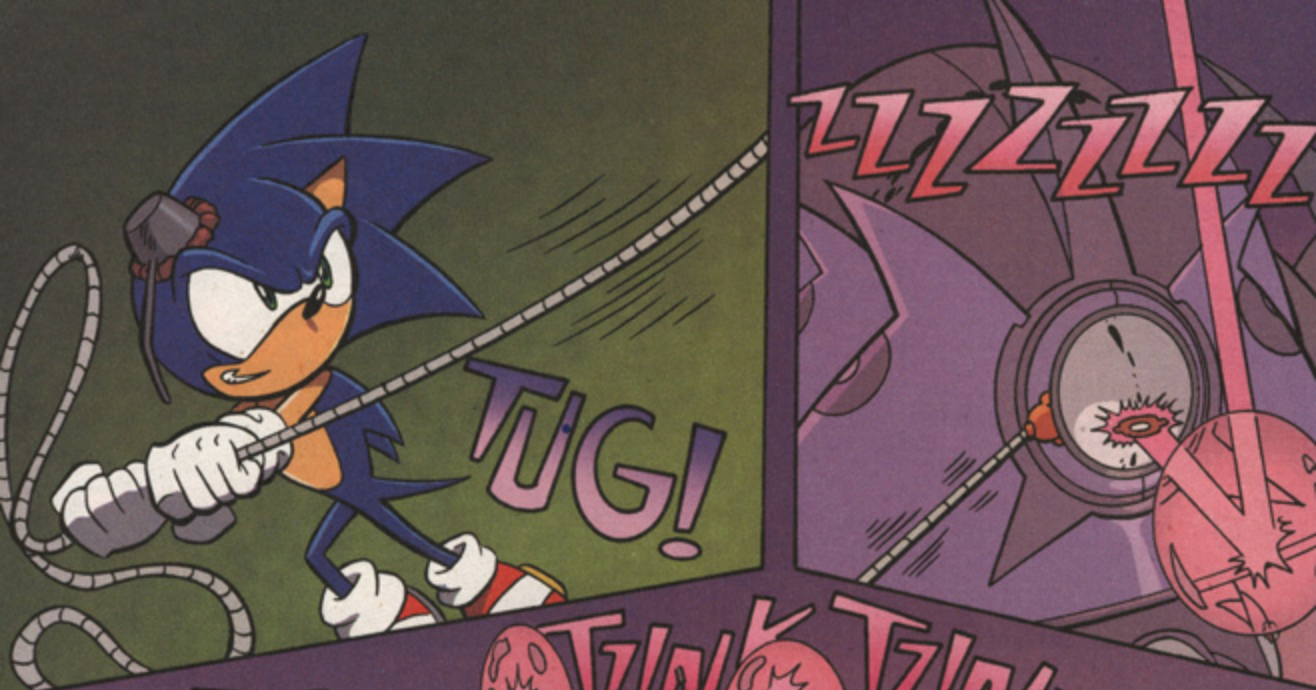
WEAPONS
FIRING
NOW!











THE LASER'S
DAMAGING
THE SHIP
FASTER THAN
IT CAN MAKE
REPAIRS!

I'M
LOSING
CONTROL!

WE'RE
GOING
TO
CRASH!



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